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Thanks

- .. Those parents who took some time out of their busy schedules to attend the year 5 and 6 camp lunch / debrief.
- .. Those who have volunteered their time to help out with forthcoming year 4 to 6 and year 7 and 8 Winter Sports Tournaments.
- .. Karl Thompson and Duane Barham for your kind offers to help out at school this weekend.
- .. Brenda Sinclair, Pat Riley, Herman and Tilda Jongkind and Grace Williams for the awesome new garden outside the staffroom and room 11. Looks fantastic!

People of the week

- .. Our International Students for the talents and experiences you bring to our school.
- .. Emma who was so helpful to Mr T this morning .. made sure he signed in and even helped to connect his laptop.
- .. The children for commitment in self-managing their science fair project.
- .. Children in the After School Reading Labs.
- .. Our intermediate netball team for persevering in a very challenging grade.

Current Virtue . . **COMMITMENT**

Please continue your work at home on the commitment virtue .. this virtue will run for the next week and then we will select some. Please let us know of any successes so that we can celebrate these through the school newsletter.

Coming up this term

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| 22 May | Year 7 and 8 Winter Sports Tournament |
| 24 May | Matarau School Celebrates Korea |
| 25-27 May | 20 Hour Famine |
| 29 May | Year 4-6 Winter Sports Tournament |
| 30 May | HPV vaccination dose 2 (Year 8 girls) |
| 30 May | Mobile Ear Clinic outside Bush Rd Medical Centre |
| 31 May | Year 7 and 8's Rock Wall Climbing at Taurikura |
| 5 June | Board of Trustees meeting (6:00 PM) |
| 11 June | Visit by team from Education Review Office |
| 15 June | Portfolios issued to parents |
| 20 June | Visit by reps of Whangarei Girls High (year 8 girls) |
| 25/26 June | Parent / Teacher Interviews |
| 26 June | Matarau School Science Fair Prize Giving |
| 27 June | Mobile ear Clinic outside Bush Rd Medical Centre |
| 29 June | Final day of term 2 |

Famine (25-27 May)

If your child is involved in this year's famine please encourage them to get as many sponsors as possible.

Matarau Hockey - Sponsored by McQuinn Ground Spread

Well Done to the following players of the Day Saturday 12 May :



C Grade - Tegan



D Grade - Maddison



E Grade - Nicole

Matarau Netball

Well Done to the following players of the Day Saturday 12 May :



Yr 4-6 - Shayann



Yr 6-8 - Natasha

For the prior week - Laura

Term Headlice Inspection

We are pleased to advise that infestation rates are about as low as we can practicably get them - a real team effort. If infestation rates are to remain low it is essential for parents to check their children's hair weekly and to take prompt action before their return to school.

Year 7 and 8 Winter Sports Tournament - 22 May (pp 24.5)

The above event will be held at Kensington Park this coming Tuesday - weather permitting. Children will travel by bus departing shortly after 9:00 and returning by 3:00. Parents are welcome to drop by to support our teams. Please ensure children have their lunch, plenty to drink, warm clothing and rain gear. Please also refer to your earlier notice re gear required for respective codes. Any questions in the run up to Mr D please. (Transport costs covered by the activity fee).

Can you help with transport?

Earlier in the week we advised of three children needing a ride to and from Matarau School each day so they can continue to attend this school. If you think you might be able to help (mum is more than willing to contribute to transport costs and to drop off and pick up from a convenient point in Kamo) please give Helen a call on Monday. Thank you.

After School Reading Labs

These labs focus principally on close comprehension, location of information in text, inference and word meaning. We don't really get too many opportunities to ask children for the impressions of the broader text. It would be helpful if parents (perhaps in the car on the way home) could ask their children to tell them about what they read that day, what they learnt from this etc. The material covered in these labs is very broad and excellent for expanding general knowledge. This week a child read about Ann Frank and so we asked her to tell her parents about Ann's life and the difficulties she faced.

Additionally, we ask children to take home at least one new word per session to share at home. Ask them for this word (ask them to put it in a sentence) .. and then ask them the next day, and then a week later to drive it into their longer term memory. Thanks for your help.

Year 7 and 8 - Science Fair / Action research

Any questions about topics / experiments to Mrs Donaldson or Mr D please on scottydelemare@gmail.com. Please make contact early if you sense your child is encountering difficulty or is falling behind.

Request from the Library - NO RESPONSES YET

During the coming months there will be lunchtime activities held in the library. For this we require various sized needles, wool, games and puzzles. If you can be of assistance please contact the office. Thank you very much.



School Contribution / Activity Fee

Thanks to those who have paid term contributions / activity fees. If you have not yet paid please do so at your earliest convenience. Those who have opted for automatic deductions are asked to arrange this as soon as possible please.

If you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements please contact Kevin.

Netball Fees

A reminder that the \$40 fee for Yr 5-6 netball is required to be paid asap as this needs to be handed on to the Netball Association. Thank you to those who have paid promptly.

Korea Day - 24 May

Matarau School is greatly enriched by its international students. By far the greater number of these students come from South Korea. On Thursday 24 May children will be learning a little about this fascinating country and our Korean students have prepared a series of presentations. You may wish to follow up at home with a dinner table chat about South Korea. Thank you to our Korean students (and Eric) for your efforts in the build up to this day.

School Achievement Data

Over recent months staff and board have been pouring over achievement data collected earlier this year, comparing achievement by level, gender, year to year and so forth. We have drawn the following GENERAL conclusions

- .. Matarau children continue to achieve above national levels in most areas of general achievement
- .. gains in literacy performances resulting from interventions over recent years appear to be working
- .. the numbers of children achieving low (tail end) scores has been significantly reduced. Your child's data will be shared with you at mid-year interviews via our Mid-Year Data Report.
- .. there is no SIGNIFICANT discrepancy (given size of sample) between Maori achievement and that of other students.

Any parent interested in looking at the school data (and having this explained to them) are invited to meet with Kevin in his office (library if there are too many of us) at 3:15 Wednesday 23 May or some other time by appointment.

Finally

Last week we promised you some early impressions from our "Learning Styles Survey". So we will trickle these out to you. (all children took part years 3 to 8).

- .. When responding to the statement 'I am getting better at my schoolwork' 86% of students agreed or strongly agreed, 12 % were not sure and 2% of students disagreed or strongly disagreed.
- .. When responding to the statement "I have good ideas to share" 73% agreed or strongly agreed, 21% were not sure and 6% disagreed.

More next week. Have a great weekend.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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Lost

If anyone has seen/found a boy's orange/black jacket with the words "Harley Davidson" on it can you please contact the office. Thank you.

Community Notices

For Rent – 3 bedroom house, no garage, fenced, HRV system, open fireplace. Along school bus route. 10 mins to Kamo. \$290 per week incl water. Ph 4335814.

For Sale - 12 ft trampoline with recently renewed mat and safety net (Christmas time) \$200.00, Many different size chook homes various prices. Please phone Michele 4335061 or 0274810450

For Sale - Free Range Eggs, \$5 per dozen, Will deliver to school. Phone Carol Welsh 433 5035.

Pop Up Books – Display of 'paper engineered' books collected over 30 years. Old Library Art Centre, Rust Ave, 16th May-9th June.



Whangarei SLD Course – “Helping children with their learning”. Run over 3 Wednesday evenings at the Anglican Care Centre on the corner of Deveron St and Kamo Rd from 7-9pm. The cost is \$55 for non-members and \$35 for members of Whangarei SLD. Please contact Christine at the office on 430 0693 for a registration form. The course is limited to 20 and registrations close on the 24th of May

Carters Paihia Run/Walk - Sunday 27th May 2012. To register go to ASB Northland Sports House, Western Hills Drive, Kensington or <http://www.runwalkseries.co.nz/default.asp?PageID=4043>

Interested in drama? Rising Starz Performing Arts Trust runs Drama Club for primary school aged children on Sundays from 12pm to 1:30pm. Term 2 begins Sunday 29th April. Production at Captaine Bougainville in November. \$50 per term. For more information contact Kerry on 021 269 2311 or Wendy 432 9218.

School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage in a bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the class teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince or Mince 'n' Cheese Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), Wraps and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$4.50. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.

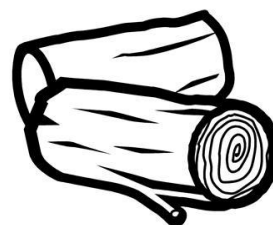


School Fundraising

FI REWOOD WANTED! ! ! !

As part of our fundraising this year, we would like to sell firewood. So we are currently looking for:

- Donations of trees/wood
- Volunteers
- Woodsplitters
- Trailers



If you can help out in any way please phone Sharon Smith on 4338371 or 027 631 9361 as soon as possible.

Many Thanks.